

A Secular Summit: Week One
 2009 SUMMER INSTITUTE

July 15-19 (Wed-Sun)

“Secular Studies: Nonbelievers and their Cultural Impact.”

Experts on secular people and the spread of secularism describe their research into this growing segment of the world’s population. The secular and nonreligious are becoming a visibly large and potentially powerful segment of society. From demographics and polling, psychology and sociology, to culture studies — there’s fresh curiosity about agnostics, atheists, secularists, and nonbelievers generally.

	Wed 15	Thur 16	Fri 17	Sat 18	Sun 19
Morning 9:30am 12pm - 1pm Lunch at CFI (Wed-Sat)	Tom Flynn “Getting to know the <i>Council for Secular Humanism</i> ”	Joe Nickell “Getting to know the <i>Committee for Skeptical Inquiry</i> ”	Lauren Becker “Prisoners of War: Rethinking the Biggest Battles Between Science and Religion”	Gregory Paul “The Science of Religion”	<i>11am</i> Sunday Platform Richard Hull “ If Not By God’s Commands, Whence Cometh Ethics?”
Afternoon 1pm <i>break</i> 3pm	Tour of library and archives with Tim Binga Mark Tschaepe “Muscle Morality: Christians and Exercise”	John Shook “Atheism, Agnosticism, and Skepticism” Chris Maute “Belief, Nonbelief and Alternative Medicine”	Barry Kosmin “The Rise of the Nones” John Shook “Secularism Studies and Philosophical Atheism”	Luke Galen Polling the Nonbelievers Phil Zuckerman “It Ain’t Sociologically So: Refuting Common Myths About Atheism, Secularity, and Religion.”	departures
Evening 7pm	Event Night Unbelief Open House	Panel on Art and Humanism and Art Show opening	Meet the Author Ronald Aronson author of <i>Living without God</i>	Panel Discussion Paul, Zuckerman, Aronson, Galen on “How Do Secular People See Themselves and Their World?”	